CHAPTER NO. 191

HOUSE BILL NO. 577

By Representatives Winningham, Patton, Goins, Baird, Brenda Turner, Miller, Pleasant

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1093

By Senators Burks, Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-119, relative to high school diplomas for certain veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-119, is amended by deleting the language "in World War II" and by substituting instead the language "in World War I or in World War II".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-119, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

- (b) Each local education agency may issue a high school diploma authorized by subsection (a) to an eligible deceased veteran, upon the request of such veteran's surviving spouse, if any, or other immediate family members.
- SECTION 3. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 7, 2001

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2001

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